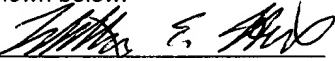




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In re application of)
Donald W. Allen et al)
Serial No. 09/625,893)
Filed: July 26, 2000)
SMOOTH SLEEVES FOR DRAG AND VIV)
REDUCTION OF CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURES)

Group Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: K. Mitchell

July 18, 2005

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attorney for Applicants in the above-captioned application hereby respond to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005. At the time the Office Action was mailed, claims 1 – 6 were pending. Attorney for Applicants is also filing a corrected Terminal Disclaimer.